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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 333  
By McMillan

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Melissa Shippen on  
being chosen a Presidential Scholar.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize youth of  
extraordinary choral talent; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Shippen, a talented senior at Clarksville High School, who was  
recently chosen a Presidential Scholar, is one such exemplary student; and

WHEREAS, as one of only 141 United States seniors selected for this elite recognition,  
Melissa will get a special commemorative medal in the Rose Garden at the White House in July;  
and

WHEREAS, she will also be one of 11 persons who will perform at the prestigious  
Kennedy Center for members of the United States Congress and other important persons. She  
will be the only classical artist to perform; and

WHEREAS, to be selected as a Presidential Scholar is a rare honor; of the 7,800  
persons who originally applied for the recognition, only 20 were named Scholar for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, she was expertly trained, encouraged and inspired to apply for the honor by  
the late Mary Ann Moses, who was the Clarksville High School choral director; and

WHEREAS, Melissa has been accepted to attend the most prestigious musical school in  
the country, Julliard; and

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WHEREAS, Melissa is hopeful that while in Washington she will be able to perform an Italian Aria "Voi Che Sapete" which is about a young man's inquiries into love. If she is asked to perform a more contemporary piece, it will be about the Hudson River in New York City; and

WHEREAS, it is indeed fitting that we pause to specially honor one of this nation's best and brightest young persons; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Melissa Shippen on her selection as a Presidential Scholar for the Arts and wish her well in what we are confident will be a brilliant career.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause deleted from such copy.